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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.